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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FIJIAN PRIME MINISTER

REF: A. STATE 83544; B. SUVA 382

1. MET WITH RATUJARA, PRIME MINISTER OF FIJI,
FOR ONE HOUR MORNING OF APRIL 14. RECEPTION WAS
EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND I FELT MEETING WAS PRODUCT-
IVE.

2. I PRESENTED PRIMIN WITH CHECK FOR FIJI DOLS
38,907.48 (US DOLS 50,000) FOR HURRICANE RELIEF.
PRIMIN NOTED USG IS ALWAYS SO GENEROUS IN HELPING
PEOPLE THAT THE WORLD HAS COME TO TAKE OUR AID FOR
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GRANTED. HE HOPED FIJI DID NOT APPEAR TO DO SO, AND

ASSURED ME HE IS MOST GRATEFUL FOR ALL WE HAVE DONE
IN RECENT YEARS WHEN FIJI HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO
SERIES OF HURRICANES.

3. I RAISED SUBJECT OF PATROL CRAFT AND GAVE HIM
RUNDOWN ON SITUATION AS OUTLINED REF A. HE ASSURED
ME OF GOF INTEREST IN TWO VESSELS AND TRAINING FOR
CREWS AND THAT GOF WOULD MOVE QUICKLY ONCE WAY WAS
PAVED FOR TRANSFER OF VESSELS.

4. I USED THIS AS OPENING TO ASK PRIMIN IS THE INTEREST
AMONG PACIFIC PEOPLE FOR NUCLEAR FREE ZONE (REF B ABOVE)
INCLUDED A BAN ON NUCLEAR PROPELLED VESSELS, ADDING
THAT IN NOT TO DISTANT FUTURE US NAVY WILL BE ALMOST
ENTIRELY NUCLEAR PROPELLED. PRIMIN STATED QUITE FRANKLY
THAT THIS WAS FIRST TIME HE HAD THOUGHT OF THAT ASPECT
OF NUCLEAR POWER, THAT HE HAS INTENDED HIS PROTESTS
TO BE DIRECTED AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTING AND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS.
I TOLD HIM I HOPED HE AND OTHER PACIFIC LEADERS
WOULD BE FULLY AWARE OF THIS ASPECT BEFORE GIVING
SUPPORT TO SPNFZ PROPOSALS. HE ASKED WHAT FIJI, OR
EVEN AUSTRALIA OR NEW ZEALAND, WOULD DO ABOUT US SHIPS
TRANSITTING PACIFIC EVEN IF A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE WHICH
INCLUDED NUCLEAR PROPULSION WAS ESTABLISHED? I RESPONDED
THAT US WOULD NOT WANT TO BE PUT IN POSITION OF DEFYING ITS
FRIENDS AND ALLIES IF IT SENT A NAVAL VESSEL INTO PACIFIC.
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